

## NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

## Bethany Church Is Not Admitted by Conference.

## MEMBERS TO HOLD MEETING

Will Discuss Offers from New Jersey and West Virginia Conferences To-morrow Night—Members of Parent Church Not Surprised by Action Taken at Snow Hill.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.  
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Alexandria, April 8.—According to news received in this city to-day, the annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Snow Hill, Md., admitted James R. Cato, of this city, as a messenger from Bethany Methodist Protestant Church, of this city, but refused to admit the Bethany Church into their conference.

The news of the action of the conference was received with surprise by members of the Bethany Church.

A prominent member of the church said that the members of his church will hold a meeting Friday night, when the matter will come up for consideration. He added that his church would probably be transferred to some other conference, as it is already in receipt of offers from conferences in New Jersey, West Virginia, and other places.

The Bethany Church in May last branched off from the present Methodist Protestant Church in this city, and it is reported that they are at the present time in a very flourishing condition. The pastor is Rev. Mr. Pissal, formerly of Baltimore.

Members of the Methodist Protestant Church say they were not at all surprised at the action of the conference in refusing to admit the Bethany Church.

Kenneth J. Huffman, a freight brakeman, was assaulted at the Potomac railroad yards about midnight last night by an unknown white man, supposed to be a tramp.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Fisher, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has written the following communication to a New York newspaper about William J. Bryan:

"Bryan, a busy Baptist preacher for taking enough of your time to tell you how thoroughly and heartily he agrees with you in your opposition to Bryan and Bryanism."

"We had better have no candidate at all than suffer another overwhelming defeat under Bryan. It is the sheerest folly to attempt another campaign with W. J. Bryan as the nominee."

An order of Ovis will be organized in this city to-morrow night, with a membership of more than 100, by National Organizer McCullough, of South Bend, Ind.

The police are investigating the theft of a diamond ring, together with two other rings, valued at \$5, from the residence of John H. Bellomy, 108 North Patrick street. The police, it is said, have the name of a person suspected of the theft.

A business meeting of Fitzgerald Council, No. 43, Knights of Columbus, was held to-night at St. Mary's Hall.

Arrangements are being made by the woman's auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, for a musical entertainment and sale to be held at Lee Camp Hall, April 23. The proceeds will be used for repainting Lee Camp Hall.

## IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Annapolis Woman Wounded by Daughter-in-law-to-be.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Annapolis, Md., April 8.—Mrs. George Gardner, of West River, Anne Arundel County, is in a serious condition at Annapolis Emergency Hospital as the result of a wound in the abdomen inflicted by a .22-caliber bullet accidentally fired from a rifle in the hands of Miss Katherine Horsemann, the affianced bride of Mrs. Gardner's son.

After an operation by Dr. St. Clair Sprull, of Baltimore, the bullet was extracted.

## Widow Commits Suicide.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Cumberland, Md., April 8.—Mrs. Michael Flanagan, aged seventy years, committed suicide at Franklin, this county, yesterday by cutting her throat with a razor. Her husband, who was a locomotive engineer, was killed in a wreck at Moscow, this county, several years ago. Her mind was affected, and upon two previous occasions she attempted suicide.

## Confederate Veteran Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—Richard J. Holt, aged seventy-nine years, died yesterday after a long illness. He was a native of Charlotte County, and served as a Confederate soldier through the war.

## Piles Quickly Cured at Home

Instant Relief, Permanent Cure—Trial Package Mailed Free to All in Plain Wrapper.

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## MISS HUTTER A BRIDE.

Virginia Belle Weds Stephen Meem in Lynchburg.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—An interesting marriage took place late yesterday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, when Miss Edna Houser, daughter of the late Maj. E. S. Hutter, a member of one of the most prominent families of the city, and Stephen Halsey Meem, a son of the late Gen. John G. Meem, were married. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Dr. William A. Barr.

Miss Mary Christian, of Lynchburg, and Miss Kitty Langhorne, of Evinston, were the maids of honor, and J. Lawrence Meem was the best man. The ushers were Messrs. Bruce Montgomery, Dexter Oley, and H. L. Shaner, of this city, and Felix O'Keefe, of Bluefield.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Meem left for a Northern tour to last two weeks, after which they will take up their residence in Bluefield, W. Va., where Mr. Meem, who is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, is engaged in civil and mining engineering.

## CROTHERS CUTS DOWN BILLS

Maryland Governor Slashes General Appropriation Measure.

Aroused Comment by Reducing Amount to Fight Spread of Tuberculosis.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, April 8.—Gov. Crothers this afternoon attached his signature to the general appropriation bill passed at the late session of the legislature, although his approval is practically in the nature of a veto, since the governor cut down the amounts appropriated to various institutions.

The governor closely scrutinized the bill before taking final action, with the result that the appropriations were slashed right and left, some of them being only one-half of what the general assembly agreed upon. The governor, however, after some close figuring, thought that many of the sums were entirely too excessive.

The reduction of the appropriation for the tuberculosis fund from \$15,000 to \$5,000 has caused much resentment throughout the State. During the recent signing of bills the governor approved the measure providing for State care of the insane. This action is a blow to Springfield Hospital, which has been thereby denied its appropriation of \$50,000.

The governor's action in reducing the general appropriation bill will save to the State about \$300,000, but it is said that his hand will receive considerable disapproval.

## TWICE MARRIED IN FORTNIGHT

Mrs. Dunne Again Weds Same Man Before Dying.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., April 8.—Mrs. M. F. Dunne, twice married within the last two weeks, once secretly in Danville and again within the last few days, died shortly after midnight this morning at the Retreat for the Sick.

Mrs. Dunne was formerly Miss Beale Poage, of Lexington. In Danville Miss Poage was married under an assumed name. The second marriage was performed by her uncle, the Rev. G. B. Strickler, of the Union Theological Seminary, Miss Poage and Mr. Dunne eloped to Danville. Upon their return to Richmond the groom went to Ford's Hotel, while his bride went to the home of her uncle.

Her husband was at her bedside when death added its climax to the pretty romance. Mrs. Dunne was ill when the news of her Danville marriage leaked out. She was a daughter of Capt. W. Poage, of Lexington. Her remains will be removed to that place to-morrow for interment.

## HAGERSTOWN TO HAVE RACES.

Automobile Association Asks Fair Managers for Use of Track.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Hagerstown, Md., April 8.—Application has been made by the National Automobile Racing Association, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, for the use of the race track on the Hagerstown fair ground, for automobile races during the coming summer. It is understood the plan is to arrange a circuit, which will embrace cities and towns in the East.

After hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses, including two physicians, a jury here this afternoon exonerated Charles Kaelzel, aged fifteen years, from blame in connection with the death of Stanley Miller, six-year-old son of Edward Miller, of Hagerstown. Young Kaelzel threw a lump of earth at another boy and it accidentally struck the Miller boy in the forehead, inflicting a wound from which blood poisoning developed. Lockjaw last night caused his death.

## Must Complete Shoemaker Road.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 8.—The county commissioners have notified the contractors of two uncompleted sections of the shoemaker road, on the outskirts of the place, that they must at once resume work on the roads and give assurance of their ability to complete them on or before October 1, 1908, and that if the work is not completed by that time, the penalty clause in the contracts will be strictly enforced. These roads have been torn up for two years, and their condition has raised a storm of complaints.

Bryan Club Elects Members.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lexington, Va., April 8.—At a meeting of the Bryan Club, of Washington, and Lee University, the following gentlemen were elected honorary members: Ex-Gov. J. Hoge Tyler, of Virginia; Dr. W. E. Todd, of Randolph-Macon College; Hon. H. St. George Tucker, of Lexington; Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri; and Hon. Bourke Cockran, of New York.

The executive committee was instructed to invite the Hon. Champ Clark to address the club.

## Virginia Postmasters Meet.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—The executive committee of the Postmasters' Association of Virginia, in session here to-day, decided to hold the second annual convention at Roanoke during the fair in that city, the exact date to be arranged to suit local conditions. The executive committee was present, and Roy E. Cabell, the president, of Richmond, presided.

## Hailstorm in Lynchburg.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—A heavy rain storm, accompanied by hail, swept over the city this afternoon. No damage is reported by the hail, which does not appear to have fallen in a large area. The storm prevented the baseball game with the Buffalo Eastern League.

## LEXINGTON MEN ORGANIZE.

Board of Trade Organized to Boost Virginia Town.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lexington, Va., April 8.—A representative and largely attended meeting of the business and professional men of Lexington was held in the courthouse yesterday afternoon for the organization of the "Board of Trade of Lexington, Va." The object of the organization is to promote the interests of Lexington by encouraging people to locate here permanently, and by inviting residents of the Southern States to spend their summers in Lexington. To this end steps will be taken to prepare information as to the peculiar advantages of Lexington as a residence town, its healthfulness, its educational influences, its attractions as the seat of two large schools, the Washington and Lee University, and the Virginia Military Institute.

Fifty members of the association gave their names as members at the initial meeting, and the following officers were elected: President, E. L. Graham; vice president, G. D. Letcher; secretary, H. C. Letcher; treasurer, M. McElwee.

Following are the chairmen of the various committees elected: New business, J. McD. Adair; transportation, W. P. Irwin; advertising, T. K. Urdahl; health and sanitation, Dr. A. D. Esdill; public improvements, P. M. Penick; information and statistics, M. W. Paxton; insurance, H. C. Wise; business enterprises, E. T. Robinson; membership, W. S. Masters. These committees will be later organized by the appointment of five members on each.

## DOCTORS HOLD SESSION.

Tri-County Society Holds Meeting in Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Harpers Ferry, W. Va., April 8.—The Tri-county Medical Society—Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties, W. Va.—met in quarterly session to-day in this place.

Dr. C. W. Richardson, of Washington, D. C., read a paper on "Diseases of the ear," and Dr. Osborn, of Rippon, on "The alkaloids." Dr. Ransom, of this place, had prepared a paper on "Purpura, eczema," but was obliged to be absent.

Those attending were Drs. Eagle, Sites, Oates, and Castleman, Martinsburg; Swinley, Bunker Hill; Vining, Neal, Miller, and Pittman, Charles Town; Perry, Hallett, Osborn, Rippon; Fry, Hedgesville; Phillips, Harpers Ferry; Marshall, Shenandoah Junction, and Hunt, Lestown. The members were entertained at luncheon at the home of Dr. B. B. Ransom during the afternoon.

## MANY STUDENTS DISMISSED.

Wholesale Expulsion for Insubordination from Clemson College.

Columbia, S. C., April 8.—It was announced at chapel services at Clemson College to-day that 337 members of the sophomore and freshman classes had been dismissed in addition to forty-eight juniors expelled on Friday last.

This probably is the most wholesale expulsion in the history of the United States. The cause was alleged insubordination in April fool pranks. At the time of the commencement there was trouble of a similar nature with the senior class over a night-ride parade, and Capt. C. M. Clay, of the United States army, the commandant, resigned.

## DEMOCRATS GET VICTORY.

Elect Majority of Officers in Clarksville, W. Va.

Clarksville, W. Va., April 8.—The Democrats won in the municipal election held at Clarksville, W. Va., yesterday. E. J. Wood being elected mayor over T. J. Lynch, Republican, by 178 majority.

John E. Stealey, Democrat, was chosen chief of police over John Howe, Republican, by 369 majority.

Other officials elected were: Clerk, W. H. Cole, Republican; street commissioner, John Ward, Democrat; water commissioner, Hugh Callahan, on both tickets; city collector, John R. Steele, no opposition; assessor, L. A. Carr, Republican; school commissioner, Dr. B. P. Morgan, Republican; council, J. J. Connell, Republican; L. Anderson, Republican; Ellsworth, Cort, Republican; L. W. Garrett, Democrat, and Frank G. Bland, Democrat.

## FIRE-FIGHTER DIES.

Heat and Smoke Overcome Son of Prominent Virginia Farmer.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Winchester, Va., April 8.—While fighting a fence fire on his farm last evening, Isaiah Cochran, twenty-five years old, was overcome by heat and fell headlong into a pond of water nearby.

He died in a few hours. He was the son of James Cochran, a prominent farmer.

## Blaze at Rockville.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 8.—A frame building owned by Mayor Lee Offutt, and occupied by George W. Meads as a livery stable, was totally destroyed by fire to-day. Two valuable horses perished in the flames, and the Meads family, badly burned and nearly suffocated in rescuing several others. A lot of provender was also burned. The loss will amount to about \$1,200, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Kokomo Woman Gives Fortune

To Help Women Who Suffer.

In the past few years Mrs. Cora B. Miller has spent \$125,000 in giving medical treatment to afflicted women.

Some time ago we announced in the columns of this paper that she would send free treatment to every woman who suffered from female diseases or piles. More than a million women have accepted this generous offer, and, as Mrs. Miller is still receiving requests from thousands of women from all parts of the world, who have not yet used the remedy, she has decided to continue the offer for a while longer, at least.

This is the simple, mild, and harmless preparation that has cured so many women in the privacy of their own homes after doctors and other remedies failed.

It is especially prepared for the speedy and permanent cure of leucorrhoea or whitish discharges, ulceration, displacements or falling of the womb, profuse, scanty, or painful periods, uterine or ovarian tumors or growths; also pains in the head, back, and bowels, bearing down feelings, nervousness, creeping feeling up the spine, melancholy, desire to cry, hot flashes, weariness, and piles from any cause, or no matter of how long standing.

Every woman sufferer, unable to find relief, who will write Mrs. Miller now without delay, will receive a mail order of charge a 50-cent box of this simple home remedy, also a book with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer and how they can easily cure themselves at home without the aid of a physician.

Don't suffer another day, but write at once to Mrs. Cora B. Miller, 5765 Miller Building, Kokomo, Ind.

## TIE VOTE IN SENATE

## RESPIRE TO BETTORS

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bill. Senator Raines whispered to Senator Agnew, and the latter hurriedly said, "I withdraw the motion."

"Then I make the same motion," said Senator Grady.

"I move that the later motion lie on the table," said Senator Raines.

A roll call was demanded. During it, Senator Grady bitterly said that Senator Grady was not showing a senatorial courtesy. The result was a tie.

Chandler Defines Position.

Lieut. Gov. Chandler said that if Senator Agnew had pressed his first motion and it came to him for a decision, he would have voted in favor of Senator Agnew, as he believed that it was a senatorial courtesy that should be extended to give a senator another opportunity to call up a bill that had been once defeated. The statement was viewed with amazement, and when he cast a vote in favor of Senator Raines' motion tabling Senator Grady's motion, the opponents of the Agnew-Hart bills showed their displeasure. Senator Grady resented it by stating that he had been within his rights and Senator Raines had been also.

No opposition was made to Senator Agnew's motion to reconsider the vote by which the repeal bill had been defeated, and that the motion should lie on the table.

The bills may be called up at any time Senator Agnew gets the necessary twenty-six votes in their favor.

Possibly never before was a battle begun on bills with so much uncertainty existing as was the case to-day before the session commenced and while it was in progress. Senator Raines insisted all along that the bills would have twenty-six votes. There is now the belief that he was talking to give himself courage. He showed when he closed the debate that he knew it was a bluff, and he denied having assumed any responsibility for the passage of the bills.

## Raines Explains Action.

He explained why he had suggested making the bills a special order for to-day, when the friends of the bills were so insistent last Thursday that the bills be disposed of at once.

He said that the opponents of the bills had resorted to dilatory tactics and brought about the delays. It was well known that the opponents of the bills wanted delay last Thursday, and they succeeded in securing it, and by so doing killed the bills. There were so many incidents in connection with the disposition of the bills that were unusual as to have every one on the anxious seat up to the minute.

He was admitted in advance that if Senator Grattan would not vote against the bills they would pass, for no other Republican senator would vote against them, and Senators Burr, Cassidy, and Wilcox made it known that they would not vote against the bills unless Grattan did.

When the latter came to the senate chamber this morning he refused to make the matter of his vote a secret. He had voted in favor of the amendment to have the penal code bill take effect September 1, and at that time said he would probably vote for the bills when they came up for final passage.

## Never Disputes Barnes.

He is a thorough organization man and has never disputed the will of William Barnes, Jr., so when the latter's paper came out and called upon him to vote against the bills, it was taken for granted that he would do so.

But Senator Grattan would not come out in so many words and say so. He went to the "phone just as the senate session opened at 11 o'clock, and talked with Mr. Barnes. When he returned to the senate chamber, he was asked to vote against the bills. The opponents of the measures were jubilant. They wanted to get to an immediate vote.

The spectacular and sensational proceeding was added to by Senator Fancher (Republican), who was not in his seat. As the time went by Senator Raines grew nervous. Senator Fancher could not be found at his hotel or club. Instantly the air was charged with rumors that the enemies of the Agnew-Hart bills had kidnapped him. His sengers were dispatched to find him. Senator Raines declared there would be no vote taken until Senator Fancher appeared.

## Fancher Reappears.

A recess was taken at 2 o'clock and shortly after 3 o'clock Senator Fancher appeared, laughing and rubbing his eyes. He had been out to a dinner the night before and had overslept.

Just before the recess was taken for the first time, the friends of Gov. Hughes admitted that they doubted their ability to get up votes unless Senator Cassidy could be induced to vote with them. Senator Cassidy was importuned and implored to come over to their side, but he would not make known how he was going to vote. Both sides were worried over him, and when he arose to his feet, his vote every one concentrated their attention on his words.

After the bills had been declared defeated, Rev. A. S. Gregg, the field secretary of the International Reform Bureau, said that the end was not yet. He declared that a campaign would be waged against every Republican senator who had voted against the bills.

## Niagara District Opposes.

Hopes are entertained by that element that if the governor calls an extra session, he will order a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Fancher, of Niagara, so that there will surely be twenty-six votes in favor of the bills. However, it is said that on an issue of voting to repeal the Percy-Gray law the Niagara district would be against the repeal.

Although it was a most disagreeable day, the floor of the senate chamber and the galleries were crowded with women showing a livelier interest in the fate of the bills than they had on other questions of legislation. The debate centered on the bill to amend the penal code to make felony a larceny of \$100 or more, and a companion measure would suffer a similar fate. So sure were Senators Grady and McCarren of victory that they did not care to have a long debate. They had reason to believe that they would win, but the friends of the governor would not permit.

Cochran Grows Bitter.

Sensor Cochran injected the only bitterness of the debate. He and Senator Armstrong are not at all friendly. Senator Armstrong defended the governor from attacks that had been made upon him by Senators Grady and McCarren, and then entered into a legal argument against the Percy-Gray betting law. He denounced it as a most infamous law.

Sensor Cochran dove through the assembly journal and discovered that Senator Armstrong had voted to pass the Percy-Gray law in 1885 while he (Armstrong) was a member of the assembly. Senator Armstrong exclaimed at that time he was not familiar with what the proposed law would do, and if he had it to do over again, he would not vote in that manner.

Sensor Cochran, though, went further, and found that Senator Armstrong had voted in 1887 in favor of an amendment to the Percy-Gray betting law to give

## ARMSTRONG'S APPEAL.

Sensor Armstrong appealed to the senators to stand by their oaths of office.

"The question is not whether gambling can be abolished or restricted or regulated, but whether you, as senators, will do the duty imposed upon you by the constitution to pass laws against all forms of gaming. You have no right to question the wisdom of that mandate. You have sworn to obey the constitution. You must respect the law, whether you like it or not."

"The bomb-throwing in Union Square the other day was a manifestation of disrespect for the law. The eyes of the people are on you, and it is an awful thing for you to say that you are against the law and the constitution because you don't like this provision and think it has no right to exist."

"I think," said Armstrong, "that these bills strike the most pernicious form of gambling in the State. You think that they merely strike at a harmless amusement. But those who vote against these bills, no matter what they think of the right or wrong of gambling, will be violating their oaths of office."

"No man here is responsible to the governor. Nor will the governor threaten or punish. The name of Gov. Hughes will be remembered as a synonym of honesty in public affairs in this State after the name of every member of this senate, whether he votes for or against these bills, is forgotten, and I was amazed to hear the senator from the Fourteenth (Grady) question the honesty of Gov. Hughes."

"Now," continued Armstrong, "the public will be the judge whether or not the governor has been unfair in urging this legislation, and your constituents will decide whether you or the governor has the higher regard for his oath of office."

trotting meetings the same rights as running meetings, and had also voted for another amendment in 1880.

Sensor Grady again made an attack upon the governor and criticized him for the speeches he was making. He wanted to know why the governor did not ask for legislation to stop Wall street gambling.

## Grady Denounces Governor.

He said:

"You cannot find in all the State a phrase who is not supporting these bills. The 'Holler that These' element, without a single exception, can be found behind the bills. I denounce the governor to be the unfair and unworthy in his office. It is only because (with sarcasm) the governor is such a good man that he thinks the only kind of gambling extant is that of race-track betting. No word comes from him saying anything about stock gambling, which the President of the United States says is the ruin of the country."

"This bill will stop race-track betting. It will do more. It will stop racing. Yes, it will do more. It will deprive thousands of employment. It will do more. It will cut what is recognized as a grand sport. It will, in the language of the Rev. Thomas Slicer, do harm, for poolrooms will multiply and it will not improve the breed of men."

Sensor Grady said he did not dispute the right of the governor to go about the State and explain why he makes recommendations to the legislature in his message.

"But," he said, "never has the governor had the right to go about the State posing as the apostle or the moralist of the community. Never has the governor had the right to say that 'those who are with me are all right' and then in an intolerant spirit, and those who are against me are actuated by motives too base to be spoken of."

## Not Question of Morality.

"The governor does not take the position of morality, either in public or private, in asking for these bills. He says, 'Make good to the agricultural societies and give them \$250,000 out of the State treasury for the conduct of the fairs.'"

Sensor McCarren accused the governor of breaking faith with the racing people.

"When he was a candidate, a year ago, the question of the repeal of the racing law was before the people," he said. "The other candidate had made known his position, and it was known to be inimical to racing. Mr. Hughes was asked how he stood on this question, but declined to define his position. He would say nothing on the subject. Because he was silent, he was given the benefit of the doubt, and I venture to say that every racing man in the State voted for him. Now he is a candidate for the Presidency, and he has seized upon race-track gambling as an issue to help him in his candidacy. I want to tell the governor he has picked upon a small issue, and I think his friends have illy advised him."

## Reads Amusing Letter.

Sensor McCarren created some amusement by reading a letter that he received in his mail this morning from a man who said he was a mechanic, and that on account of workmen having the right to bet on races, they were kept from strong drink.

Sensors Armstrong, Timman, Hill, and Hooker defended the governor and denounced race-track gambling, and also criticized the Percy-Gray betting law. They entered upon discussion as to whether it conformed with the constitutional requirements set forth by the constitutional convention of 1894. Senator Hooker said that the Percy-Gray law was an insult to that convention. Senators Grady, Cassidy, and Gilchrist affirmed their votes when the roll was called.

The greatest interest was paid to what Senator Cassidy said. He spoke of what the constitution said on the subject of gambling, and also of the Percy-Gray law did regulate betting. He did not think the repeal would tend to check or prevent gambling, and, therefore, voted against the bills.

## Gavel Falls Heavily.

When he made this announcement there was a stir as if of applause, but the gavel fell heavily. It was then known beyond any doubt that the bill was defeated.

When the clerk announced that the spectators in the men's gallery gave vent to applause. Senator Raines asked that the floors and galleries be cleared, but Senator Grady induced him to withdraw that motion. But little interest was taken on the vote on the repeal bill, for it was known that it also was defeated.

To-night about the hotels, senators say that the governor will not help himself by calling an extra session. They say if pressure of this sort is brought to bear on the executive chamber, a couple more Republican senators will vote against the bills.

## Award Canal Contracts.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has awarded a contract for furnishing 2,000 tons of steel rails to the R. C. Hoffman Company, of Baltimore, at its bid of \$22,400, and \$10,740 for angle irons was also accepted.

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## HOTEL CAPE MAY